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Society Of Broadcast Engineers
Chapter 59

Minutes of the June 11, 2014 Meeting

The June meeting of Chapter 59 of the **Society of Broadcast Engineers** was held June 11, 2014 at Godfathers Pizza; 7002 Johnson Drive; Mission, Kansas. There were 14 in attendance. Mike Rogers, chapter chairman, was in charge.

Rogers opened the business meeting at 12:10PM. He asked Ben Weiss to read the minutes of the May meeting. The motion to accept the minutes was by Chriss Scherer and the second by Chris Castro. The motion passed.

John Gray, chapter program chairman, indicated that the program for July will be presented by Ellis Terry, Nautel's West Region Sales Manager, who will take a look inside Nautel's new GV Series FM transmitters.

Chriss Scherer, chapter certification chairman, reminded us that the next open window for certification exams will be August 8-18 but the registration deadline has past. August 22 is the registration deadline for exams to be given at the NAB Radio Show in Indianapolis, Indiana September 11th. Additionally, October 6th is the registration deadline for local chapter exams to be given November 7-17th. Chriss reminded us that he is willing to proctor an exam almost anytime.

Kirk Chestnut, Kansas City EAS chairman, remarked that the problem KMBZ had with forwarding the EAS RMT for April and May was due to a corrupted file and that the problem has been corrected.

Chris Castro, chapter frequency coordinator remarked that he has been busy with coordination request from Sporting KC and NASCAR. Since the Chiefs had such a good season last year coordination efforts were particularly challenging. Castro stated that he is looking for some new information from the FCC that will update licensing of wireless microphones.

There was further discussion about Oklahoma's First Informer Broadcast Law. Oklahoma has recognizing the importance that broadcasters play in delivering news and emergency information to the public in times of natural disasters and other emergencies. Apparently Missouri is trying to get a bill passed similar to Oklahoma's. The KAB is working with Homeland Security in similar fashion. Mike remarked that MARC is moving very slowly toward getting some sort of pass that will give metro engineers access to transmitter and studio sites during emergency conditions. There are too many municipalities in the metro area that make it difficult to get anything done. Add to that the problem of two adjoining states. What is needed is a blanket policy (permit) to cross state lines. A law in the state of Kansas and Missouri naming broadcasters as first responders would fix the problem.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was by John Beck and the second by Kirk Chestnut.

Allan Brace of Clear Channel presented the program that dealt with disaster recovery.

Submitted by:
Ben Weiss, Secretary